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SUBJECT: (S) LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN INSURGENTS

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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. LIBYA'S SUPPORT FOR THE AFGHAN INSURGENTS (REFTEL) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ATTITUDE THE LOCAL LIBYAN EMBASSY HAS TAKEN TOWARD KABUL'S KHALQI REGIME SINCE THE REVOLUTION OF APRIL 27-28, 1978. SHORTLY AFTER THAT EVENT, THE KHALQIS MADE AN EFFORT TO DISGUISE THEIR MARXIST-LENINIST COLORATION BY SUCH PHRASES AS "WE SUPPORT ISLAM." WHEN HE FIRST HEARD THAT PHRASE, LIBYAN AMBASSADOR EL RADI OMAR EL HERI, ACIDLY OBSERVED TO THE THEN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR THAT "THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MAN'S SAYING THAT HE 'RESPECTS' ISLAM AND HIS SAYING THAT HE IS A MUSLIM."

3. WE HAVE FOUND LIBYAN DIPLOMATS AT KABUL WELL INFORMED AND REALISTIC ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN. ANSTUTZ

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